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ECONOMIC STATISTICS RELEASED DURING THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 17, 2001 TO SEPTEMBER 21, 2001

	Reference Period	Month/Previous Month (m/m)	Month/Previous Year's Month (y/y)	Comments
New motor vehicle sales	July 2001			Despite July's decline, the general upward trend of new motor vehicle sales continues. The level of sales for July was about the same as the average monthly sales in 2000, which was a record year. Overseas-built passenger cars have seen market share growth relative to North American-built passenger cars, from 24% in July '00 to 28% in July '01. Prince Edward Island (9.5%) had the highest year-over-year increase in monthly vehicle sales among provinces, followed by Alberta (8.2%) and Newfoundland (7.1%).
Alberta	16,012	-1.3%	8.2%	
Canada	133,036	-0.5%	1.2%	
Consumer Price Index	August 2001			The CPI was unchanged from July, as higher gasoline and cigarette prices were offset by price declines of fresh vegetables and natural gas. Year over year, Canadians paid 2.8% more for goods and services in August '01 than they paid in August '00. The core CPI (excluding food and energy) was up 0.2% from July and 2.2% from August '00. Year over year, Ontario (3.4%) and Saskatchewan (3.4%) show the largest CPI increases among the provinces, followed by Manitoba (2.9%) and Alberta (2.7%).
Alberta	121.5	-0.1%	2.7%	
Canada	117.1	0.0%	2.8%	
Monthly Survey of Manufacturing Shipments ($ millions)	July 2001			Canadian manufacturing shipments slipped 0.2% from June to July, to $43.0 billion. Year-to-date shipments are 2.2% lower than the same period in 2000. Shipments in the petroleum and coal products and railroad rolling stock industries declined, but this was mostly offset by higher shipments in the computer and electronic products and beverage and tobacco products industries. Alberta manufacturing shipments were flat from June and up 2.9% from July '00.
Alberta	3,609	-0.0%	2.9%	
Canada	43,005	-0.2%	-3.5%	